



Snowmobile Safety 2008 - 2009



Fort McCoy Installation Safety Office

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

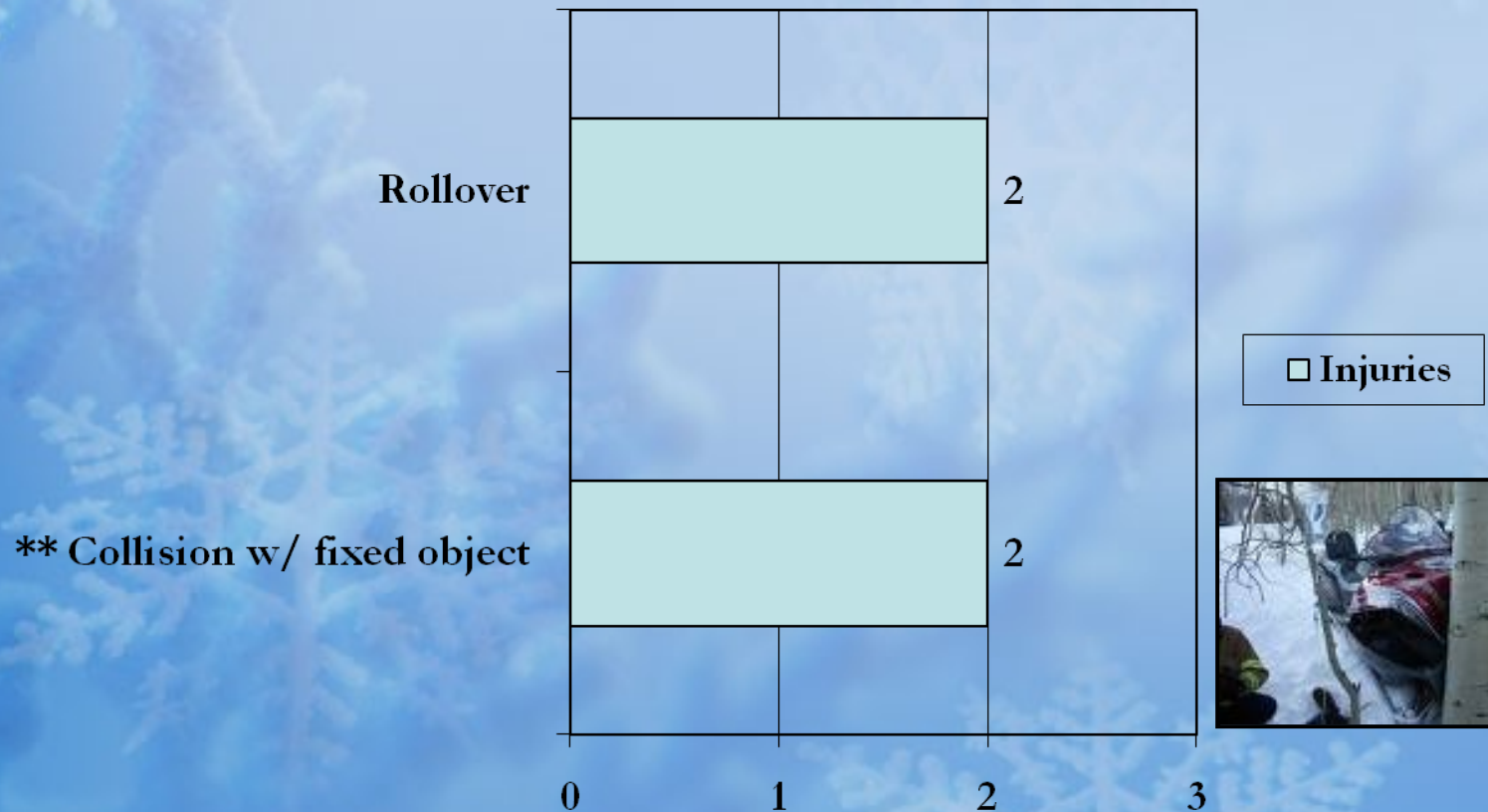
- Wisconsin DNR website:
www.dnr.state.wi.us
 - Accident Statistics
 - Upcoming classes
 - Snowmobile laws
 - Age and Certificate Requirements
 - Reporting a Crash Incident

Army Resources for Other States

- All states with recreational snowmobiling have an official website listing licensing requirements, fees, trails, etc.
- The best way to locate this information is through an Internet Search Engine
 - Upcoming classes
 - Snowmobile laws
 - Age and Certificate Requirements
 - Reporting a Crash Incident (in addition to your Army requirements)

Army Snowmobile Statistics

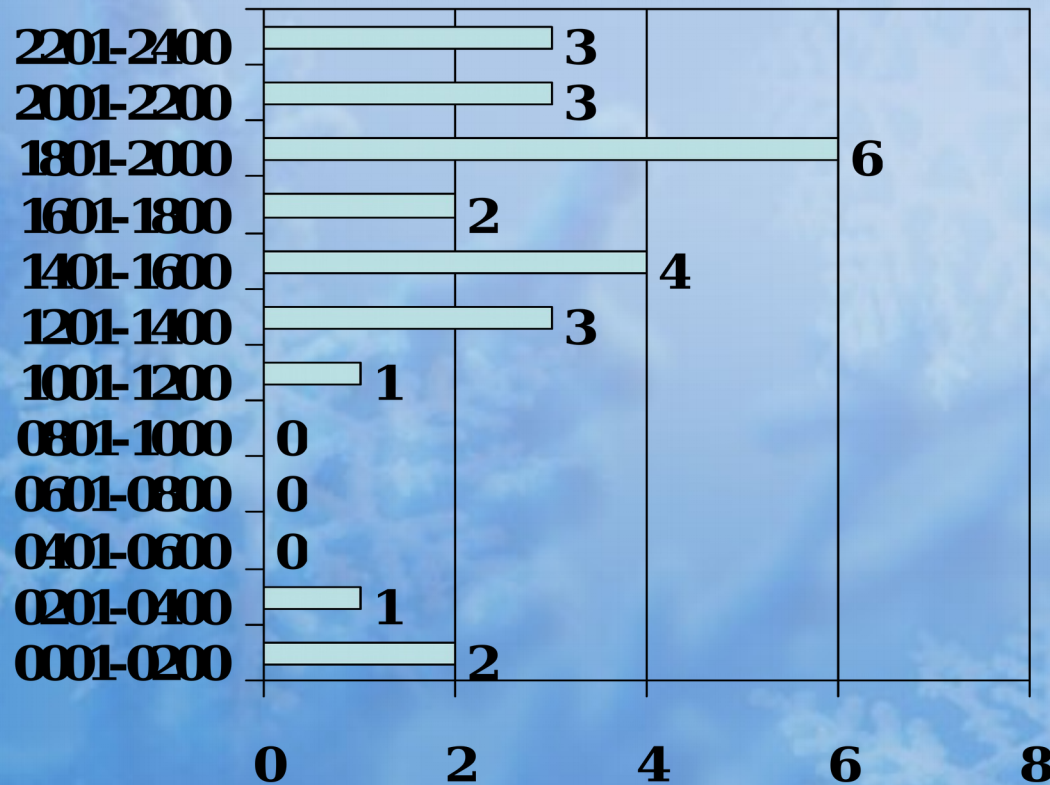
- Incident Type



** tree, shoreline, elevated driveway, pole, building

2007-2008 Wisconsin Statistics

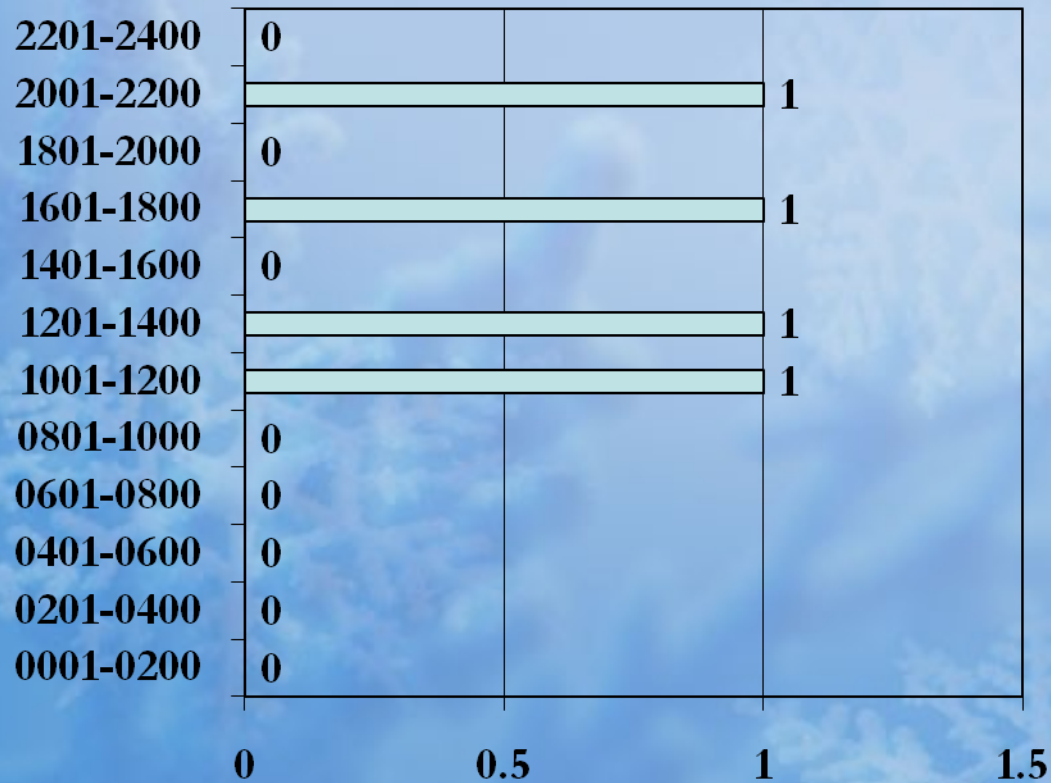
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■ Fatalities

Army Snowmobile Statistics

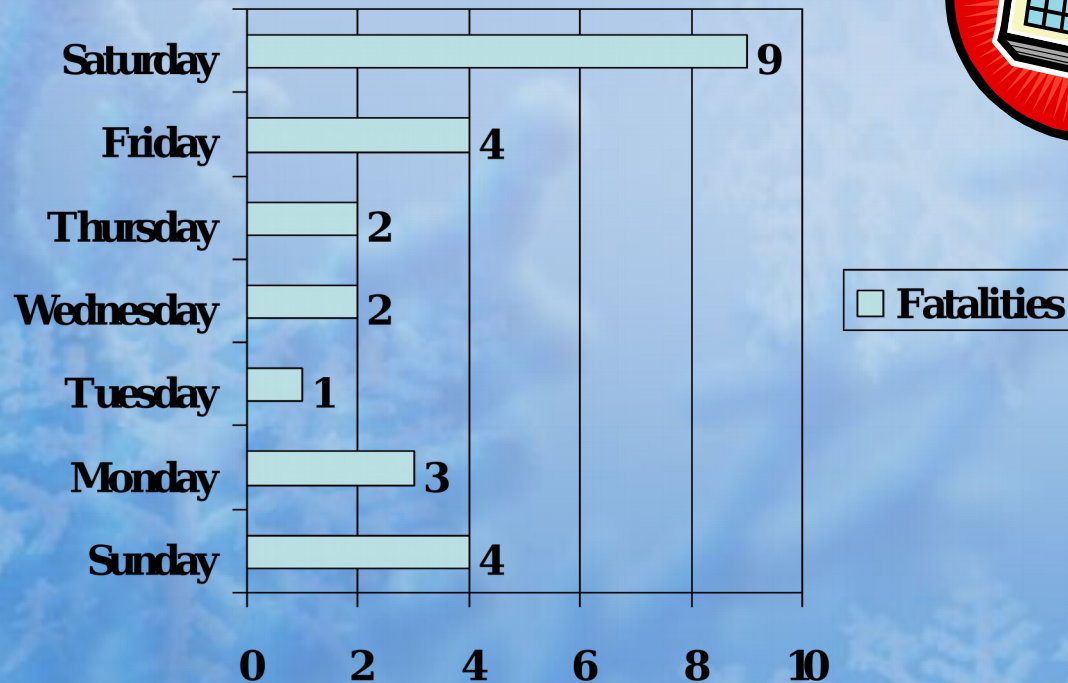
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□ Injuries

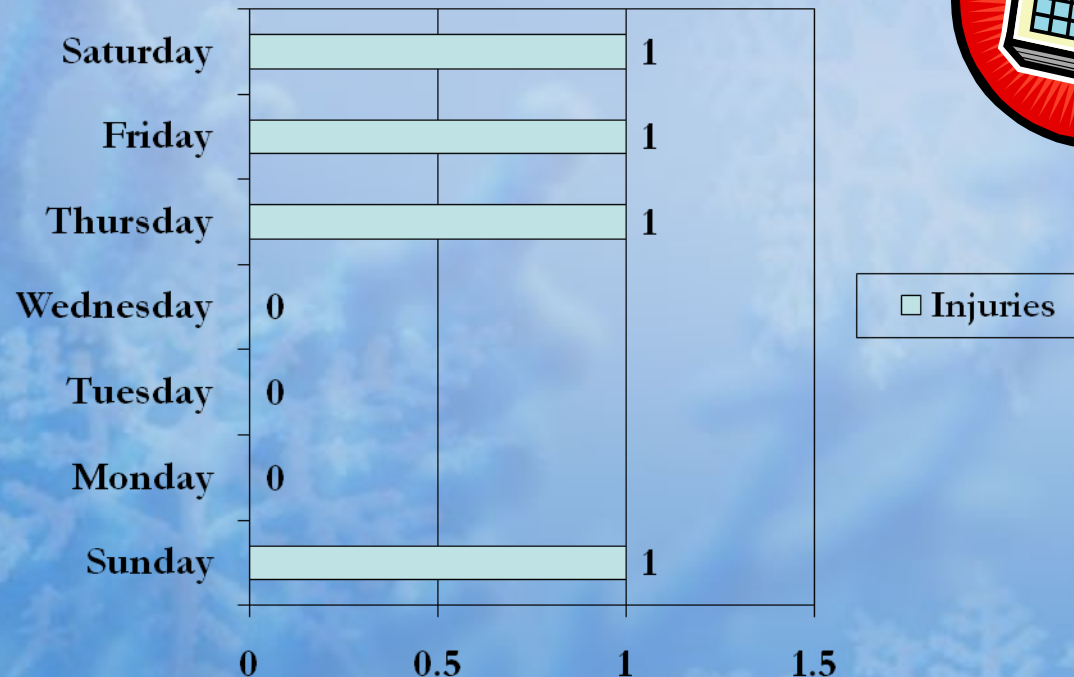
2007-2008 Wisconsin Statistics

- Day of Week



Army Snowmobile Statistics

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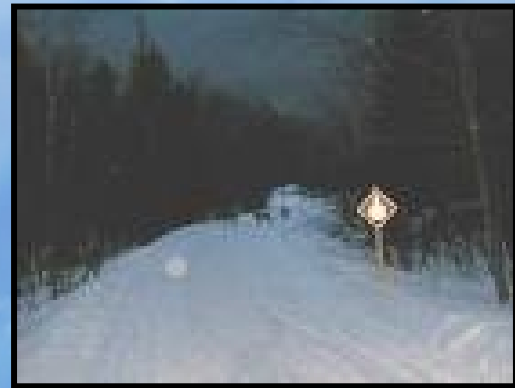
2007-2008 Wisconsin Statistics

- Top 10 Snowmobile Citations Issued (out of 1,221)
 - Operate Snowmobile w/o Valid Registration (216)
 - Fail to Comply with Regulatory Signs (164)
 - Highway and Roadway Violations (121)
 - Fail to/or Improper Display of Registration Number or Decal (84)
 - Operate Snowmobile while Intoxicated (75)
 - Operate w/o Trail Use Sticker (71)
 - Operate Snowmobile w/o Possession of Valid Certificate (69)
 - Operator w/o proof of training certificate (68)
 - Operate Snowmobile with Alcohol Concentration Above .1% (54)
 - Operate at/in Unreasonable, Improper or Careless Speed/Manner (44)
 - Operate > 55 mph during darkness (44)



2006-2007 Fatalities

- Two snowmobiles traveling in opposite directions on trail when left sides collided due to one swerving to avoid a deer. Speed was a factor. One fatality – one hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries. Occurred in Monroe County.



2007-2008 Fatalities

- Victim traveling at high rate of speed, lost control and struck steel posts with attached steel fence. Victim ejected and landed on road. Alcohol a factor. Occurred in Monroe County.



2007-2008 Fatalities

- The victim accelerated across open stretch of trail, entered wooded curve too fast, snowmobile slid and ejected victim into a tree. Snowmobile then collided with both the victim and tree. Occurred in Juneau County.



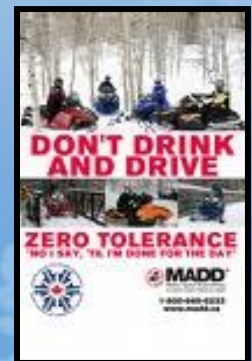
No Army Fatalities To Date

- Although our Soldiers have received injuries ranging from first aid to fractures of the spine, we have suffered no deaths.
- Lets not start now...



Snowmobile Safety Tips

- **Never consume alcohol or drugs** before or during snowmobile operation. Alcohol can impair judgment and slow reaction time. Alcohol also causes body temperature to drop at an accelerated rate, which increases the likelihood of hypothermia. Alcohol has been shown to be a contributing factor in most fatal snowmobile accidents.



Snowmobile Safety Tips

- **Slow down.** Speed is a contributing factor in nearly all fatal snowmobiling accidents. Drivers should proceed at a pace that will allow ample reaction time for any situation. Hand signals are important when signaling intentions.



Snowmobile Safety Tips

- **Carry a first-aid kit**, flashlight, knife, compass, map, and waterproof matches. A cell phone may also be useful.



Snowmobile Safety Tips

- **Avoid traveling across bodies of water** when uncertain of ice thickness or water currents. Snow cover can act as a blanket and prevents thick strong ice from forming.



Snowmobile Safety Tips

- **Dress appropriately.** Always wear a helmet with goggles or a face shield to prevent injuries from twigs and flying debris. Wear layers of water-repellent clothing and make sure you have no loose ends that might catch in the machine or tangle in equipment.



Snowmobile Safety Tips

- **Stay on marked trails** or, when allowed, on the right shoulder of the road. Be alert for fences, tree stumps and stretched wire that may be concealed by snow.



Snowmobile Safety Tips

- **Never travel alone.** Most snowmobile accidents result in personal injury. The most dangerous situations occur when a person is injured and alone. If you must travel alone, tell someone your destination, planned route, and when you will return.



**Slow Down ...
... Ride Sober ...
&
RIDE FOR LIFE**

